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Mayor Frank G. Jackson Lifts City of Cleveland Proclamation of Civil Emergency

City Hall Opens to the Public July 6; New Protocols for all City Buildings

CLEVELAND – Mayor Frank G. Jackson today announced the City of Cleveland will lift its Proclamation of Civil Emergency, set to expire May 31. The proclamation mandates citywide health and safety measures designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Cleveland’s announcement follows the Centers for Disease Control’s newest public health recommendations on masks and Governor Mike DeWine’s recent announcement that most health orders will rescind June 2. All employees will be required to be onsite for work no later than Monday, June 14. City Hall will be open to the public on Tuesday, July 6 with new enhanced security requirements.

“Despite the ongoing decline in new COVID-19 cases, the City will continue to closely monitor COVID-19 data,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “If new cases, hospitalizations and/or deaths begin to rise, we will revisit the decision to reopen. We must continue to be vigilant and use the measures we know have been effective – get your vaccine, wash your hands and social distance. The pandemic is not over.”

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Cleveland decreased in the past four reporting weeks but still remains at a high level. In the past two weeks, the Cleveland Department of Public Health reported 795 new COVID-19 cases or 198.5 new cases per 100,000 in the City of Cleveland; and although vaccine availability has increased, the city has seen a sharp decrease in the number of individuals getting vaccinated.

Variants of the virus have been detected in the City of Cleveland. These variants are known to spread more quickly and easily; and therefore, may lead to an increase in cases.

New Protocols for all Visitors to City Buildings

Visitors to City Hall and other city buildings beginning **Tuesday, July 6** will experience new or expanded health and safety protocols. All visitors will be badged upon entry, which includes providing information on their destination within the building. Facial coverings are mandatory and all visitors may be subject to temperature screening or self-assessments. Visitors will also see signage throughout the building with health information. Social distancing will be required.

Additional health and safety protocols:

- All visitors must have specific business or an appointment to enter City Hall
- All visitors will be screened for the purpose of their visit and provide identification badges (i.e., citizen name, photo, destination department, and be color coded)
- Security will monitor City Hall/Department/Vital Statistics population/occupancy.
- Security will track capacity and roam City Hall and make random security calls and visits
- Bags will be checked for contraband and weapons prior to entering City Hall
- All visitors found roaming City Hall will be directed to the correct department or asked to leave
- All visitors will be required to wear masks while in all areas of City Hall

Each department will determine its maximum capacity as a result of new configurations and relay this to the Public Safety security officer.

New Protocols for Employees in City Buildings

Many city employees have already returned to onsite work or are currently working from home. However, all employees must return to their original core-hours, work schedule and physical worksite no later than Monday, June 14.

To ensure safe work environments, the City will continue following these protocols for all employees:

- Facial coverings required for all employees
- Temperature screenings required for all employees prior to beginning their shift or requiring employees to conduct daily health assessments (self-evaluation prior to beginning their shift)
- Employees required to maintain good health protocols at all times – hand washing, sanitizing, and social distancing
- Work locations sanitized throughout workday, at the close of business or between shifts
- Employees provided cleaning products to ensure their personal workspace is clean
- Ensuring plexiglass barriers are in place where necessary and applicable

While all employees are required to report to work daily, any employee unable to return to work as a result of a documented and serious medical condition may request an Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) accommodation or apply for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) through the City's Department of Human Resources.

Out of an abundance of caution, employee security measures have been installed and will remain in place:

- Employees will continue to pass through metal detectors.
- Security will conduct random employee ID checks.

The City strongly recommends and encourages residents to continue adhering to health guidelines:

- Get vaccinated. The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) offers vaccination clinics each week at various locations. To schedule an appointment or get information on CDPH vaccination events or other local vaccine providers, call the City of Cleveland's COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at (216) 664-2222
- If you have not been vaccinated, continue to follow CDC guidelines:
 - Continue to wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth in public settings and anywhere you will be around other people who do not reside in your household
 - Stay 6 feet apart from others who do not reside in your household
 - Avoid crowds
 - Avoid indoor areas that are poorly ventilated
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Previous COVID-19 Updates from the City of Cleveland

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For more information about COVID-19, visit the following:

- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
- <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>
- <http://www.clevelandhealth.org/>

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